SOUTH AFRICAN RADIO LEAGUE

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This is Amateur Radio Station ZS6SRL of the South African Radio League, the National society for Amateur Radio in South Africa, with a news bulletin that is broadcast every Sunday at 08:15 Central African Time in Afrikaans and at 08:30 Central African Time in English.

This bulletin is also available on the website of the SARL at www.sarl.org.za and on packet bulletin boards.

In the news today:

SARL DINNER

ACTIVITIES AROUND AGM

NEXT INTECHNET

PACKET DX CLUSTER IN WESTERN CAPE

Stay tuned for more details on these and other news items.

You are tuned to ZS6SRL. Visit the SARL Web site or call the SARL office which is open on weekdays from 09:00 to 13:00 at 011 675 2393 for details on how to join the SARL, book sales and all related amateur radio activities.

The SARL News Service invites clubs and individuals to contribute news regarding Amateur Radio to sarlnews@hotmail.com before 18:00 on Thursdays. It will be highly appreciated if it is done in both Afrikaans and English.

Now for the news in detail:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Die AGM of the SARL will be held this Saturday, the 20th of April at the National Amateur Radio Centre. Members who wish to attend the Saturday evening dinner are urgently reminded to make a booking, as tomorrow (Monday) is the last day for this. Phone, fax or send an e-mail to Marlette at the National Amateur Radio Centre.
Contact details are on page one of Radio ZS.

WEST RAND CLUB FUNCTION

In connection with the AGM, the West Rand Amateur Radio Club will have a social function at their clubhouse at Kroton Avenue, Weltevreden Park, Roodepoort on Friday the 19th of April at 19:00. The objective is to bring together all the delegates and visitors to the SARL's AGM. Food and drink will be available at a nominal charge. Please make a reservation as it helps the organisers to do their planning. Contact numbers are:
011 726 6807 during office hours and 011 7266892 after hours. Bill and Petra will be ready to help you.

WEST RAND CLUB FLEA MARKET AFTER AGM

On Saturday the 20th of April, the West Rand Amateur Radio Club will have a boot sale at their clubhouse in Kroton Avenue, Weltevredenpark, Randburg. The gates will open at 13:00. Visitors are requested not to arrive too early as it causes congestion at the gates. Exhibitors are required to reserve their stands with Bill at 011 726 6807 during office hours There is a nominal charge for exhibitors.

QSL CARDS AVAILABLE AT AGM

The SARL council has decided to make sorted QSL cards available at the AGM. SARL members can collect their cards at the AGM. Council further decided to also make QSL cards addressed to non-members available at the payment of a nominal fee. Members cannot subsidise this service to non-members.

APRIL SARL INTECNET 2002 TO FEATURE SSTV

In celebration of World Amateur Radio Day, which annually commemorates the founding of the IARU in Paris in 1925, the April SARL Intecnet will focus on Slow Scan Television. The theme for World Amateur Radio Day is "Amateur Radio - Continuing Innovation in Communication Technology."

SSTV is one of the technologies that has undergone tremendous development and continues to draw great interest. The guest speaker will be Gerald Klatzko ZS6BTD who together with Jeremy Royle, G3NOX and Martin Emmerson, G3OQD, who developed the "Martin" mode, helped advance colour SSTV back in the early eighties.

Gerald will trace the history of SSTV and its development and bring listeners right up to date with the current systems. Once a system requiring significant investment in equipment, now offers inexpensive software based, efficient access.

Intecnet 2002 will be on the air on Sunday 21 April at 20:00 CAT on a repeater near you. Relays can also be heard on 3215 kHz while 3718 kHz LSB will the interactive HF frequency. The SARL Intecnet is sponsored by Telkom and Sentech.

PACKET DX CLUSTER IN CAPE TOWN AREA Members of the Boland Amateur Radio Club have pooled available resources to establish a packet DX Cluster in the Cape Town area, on a frequency of 144.675MHz. Its callsign is ZS0BAK and the QTH is Plattekloof hill. The cluster is permanently connected to a global cluster network via the Internet, and provides access to real- time DX spots, WWV data, QSL manager data, DX prefix data and IOTA information. It also provides a limited BBS service and a network-wide messaging service. It is powered by DxNet cluster software, AGW Packet Engine software and a Baycom serial modem, and the RF link is implemented with a Yaesu FT224 and a folded dipole, running 10W. Cape Town hams are invited to connect to the cluster, using normal packet software such as TPK and WinPack, and to post spots of DX stations worked or heard. The cluster provides extensive help facilities, but a user manual can be downloaded from http://www.dxnet.free.fr website. Please note that the cluster could QSY to

144.550MHz soon, in order to reduce interference to existing packet traffic to/from ZS0STB BBS.

SARL BULLETINS ON SARL WEBSITE

The SARL Webmaster, Richard Seddon ZS2CLI, has amended the SARL website so that both Afrikaans and English bulletins appear on the website over the same period.
The bulletins presently on the website cover the period 2 September 2001 till last Sunday's bulletin and will continually be updated. Visit the SARL website and look in the "members only" section under "NEWS" for the bulletins and remain in touch if you perhaps missed a bulletin. Thanks to the Webmaster for this new arrangement.

NEXT RAE IN MAY 2002

The next RAE will take place on the 23rd of May 2002.
Prospective candidates are reminded that the final date for registration is Tuesday, the 16th of April. NO late entries will be accepted. Entries received after 16th of April will automatically be kept over for the October RAE.

Entry forms are available on the SARL web site at www.sarl.org.za.

Clubs giving RAE courses are to register with the chief examiner as examination centres. To register as examination centre, the following information is to be sent by e-mail to the chief examiner at rassie@ctech.ac.za: Name and phone number if the invigilator and assistant invigilator. Address where the exam paper are to be delivered by courier. The street address of the examination centre.

It is a requirement of ICASA that only SARL members may act as invigilators. To date only Bethlehem, Cape Town, Eshowe, Nelspruit, Vanderbijlpark and Welkom have registered as examination centres.

The Chief Examiner is Rassie Erasmus. He can be reached at tel. 021 4603640

CLUB NEWS

DURBAN AMATEUR RADIO CLUB, NEW COMMITTEE

The Durban Amateur radio Club is pleased to announce the election of the following Committee members at their AGM held on 11 April 2002

Chairman Louis de Bruin ZS5LP Vice Chairman Dave Karlsen ZR5DK Secretary Fred Andreas ZS5SAM Treasurer Glen Duffy ZS5GD

Harry Houlshon ZS5H Dave Smith ZS5LPT Ray Smith ZS5RS Kurt Linsin ZS5KL Daniel Giraud ZS5DG

Portfolios: ZS5LP CQ Editor, Clubhouse, Repeaters and CW Moderator ZS5DK Contests ZS5SAM Public Relations and QSL Manager ZS5GD Clubhouse ZS5H CW Examiner ZS5LPT Bulletin Co-ordinator and Catering ZS5KL Catering

SASOLBURG RADIO CLUB COMMEMORATES MARCONI DAY

The Sasolburg Radio Club will operate a special event station to celebrate Marconi day on the 27th of April from 08:00 to 20:00 CAT. The station will be erected at the lapa south of the Excel garage on the corner of D. F. Malan en J. G. Strydom Avenue. The station will be QRV on 2m, 6m HF (30m, 40m & 80M), packet radio and HF digital. Die main objective of the project is to make amateur radio known to the general public. It will be appreciated if as many amateurs as possible could visit the stall.

SARLNEWS thanks all contributors, individuals, clubs and other organizations for contributions to this bulletin and all stations who so reliably relay the bulletins.

This bulletin was compiled by George, ZS6NE, and read by..........from ....as a service to radio amateurs, short wave listeners and electronic enthusiasts.

The SARL invites you to listen to Amateur Radio Mirror International on 21560, 9750 and 7082 kHz and 145,750 MHz in the Pretoria area. A repeat broadcast can be heard on Mondays at 20:00 CAT on 3215 kHz. ARMI is sponsored by Telkom and Sentech.

At noon on Sundays the SARL President's net is on the air on 7082 kHz.

You have been listening to ZS6SRL, thank you for joining us.

Goodbye everyone.

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